SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-54973; File No. SR-Phlx-2006-82)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Addition of the Hapoalim Israeli American Index to Rule 1101A

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 13, 2006, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Phlx. The Phlx filed the proposed rule change as a "non-controversial" rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder, <sup>4</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Phlx proposes to add the Hapoalim American Israeli Index ("Hapoalim Index" or "Index") to Phlx Rule 1101A, which would enable the Exchange to list and trade options on the Hapoalim Index at \$2.50 or greater strike price intervals if the strike price is less than \$200.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

The Exchange has recently entered into a license with Hapoalim Securities USA, Inc. that would, among other things, allow it to list and trade options on the Index.